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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Boris Benenson

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 March 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

Detailed Actions

1. Amendment received on 03/02/2006 is entered.

The Specification is amended.

Replacement sheets of Drawings (Figures 2-5) are entered.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended.

Claims 3-5 are added.

Claims 1-5 are pending in the Application.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "selectively coupling a source of electric power to said main body" must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). Figures 3-4 show circuit diagrams of the circuit board in open/closed position of the overload protector. Presumably 60' represent a "hot" wire attached to the circuit board. It is not shown how the hot line of the circuit board is connected to main body. The main body comprises four electric wire insertion holes (Fig. 2, Pos. 22) and four insertion holes (21). It is not clear why non-electrical features such as wire insertion holes (22) located, according to the Specification "on the back face of the main body 20", shown on Figures 3 and 4, which, according to the

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Specification, represent a circuit diagram of the circuit board and what labels (Fig. 3-4, Pos. 21) and (Fig. 3-4, Pos. 34) represent. Figure 5, which, according to the Specification, represent a diagram showing the connection between the circuit board and power source wires indicates insertion hole (36) through which hot wire (60') connected to the circuit board and several through holes (35) through which neutral wire should be connected to one of electric wire insertion holes (22) of the main body. It is clear from the drawings that the device comprises two electrical outlets. Each of the outlets presumably includes a hot terminal and a neutral/ground terminal.

Presumably (even though it is not clearly indicated on the drawings) the hot wire will be connected to the circuit board through insertion hole with a setscrew (Fig. 2, Pos. 36) and through a first and a second pins (34) and first and second insertion holes (21) indicated on right side of figures 3-4 will energize hot terminals of the outlets. Also presumably the neutral/ground wire will be put through one of through holes (35) and will be connected to one of wire insertion holes (22) of the main body connecting a first neutral/ground terminal of a first outlet to neutral/ground line and through third insertion hole (21), third pin (34), circuit board and fourth pin (34) and fourth insertion hole (21) connect a second outlet to

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neutral/ground line. It is not clear how an installer should know through which two of three through holes (35) shown on Figure 2 the neutral wire should be inserted to avoid short-circuiting. No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35

U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Claim 3 contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The language of the Claim 3 requires "another end portion electrically connected to one of said socket opening portion". Such language doesn't have support in the Specification or originally filed Claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1 and 2 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

2. Independent Claim 1 is allowable because none of the prior art of record disclose an automatic anti-accident electrical outlet comprising a main body having a plurality of insertion holes and electric wire insertion holes formed on its back face and a circuit board with an overload protection installed on the circuit board for selectively coupling a source of the electric power to the main body in combination with the other claim limitations.

3. Claim 2 is dependent on Claim 1 and therefore allowable.

Final Action

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action

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is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Boris Benenson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2048. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:20-6:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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